

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

French Minister of Colonies Sent Out to Ascertain

HOW MANY TROOPS AVAILABLE.

For Immediate Service Could be Furnished by the French Colonies in Various Parts of the World—It Now Looks as Though the Greatest War in History Would Soon be in Active Operation.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London, says:

A private cablegram from an unimpeachable source in Paris, says that the minister for the colonies sent cipher cables yesterday to the governor of every French colony asking almost in the words of Mr. Chamberlain to the British colonial governors, how many soldiers were available for immediate service.

M. Decrais asked for a detailed statement from each governor of the number of reservists and colonial forces, lists of officers, non commissioned officers and men.

The minister's cables were long and in cipher and were sent all over the world to the colonies in Africa, to Madagascar, Tonkin, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana and every French colony on earth.

It is also said that cables of a similar tenor were sent to French consuls, asking for lists of French soldiers in foreign countries who would return to France in the event of their services being needed.

This highly important news is not known to any of the London papers, and probably not to any of those in France.

It will cause a sensation here when it becomes known. For England is watching with eyes of wonder the preparations that her neighbor is making for war.

Coming as it does right after the announcement of the autumn maneuvers will be a demonstration by 200,000 men on the English channel, it will cause the British war office and admiralty to bestir themselves in anticipation of hostilities, for it really does begin to look as if France meant war.

France and Russia are working hand in hand, and Salisbury's diplomacy may be called upon for supreme efforts if he desires to avoid the greatest war the world has ever seen.

OPEN DOOR

In China Liable to be Closed by the Dowager.

SHANGHAI, March 15.—The American Association here telegraphed to the United States government to-day that the attitude of the empress dowager towards the reformers will upset the "open door" policy. They also say rebellion and anarchy are expected, to the detriment of foreign interests and advocate prompt concerted action on the part of the powers.

The Chinese association will appeal to the British minister, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, on the same subject.

This Government's Attitude.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The cablegram from the American Association has been received at the state department. It has not yet been acted upon, but is under serious consideration. At first reading it is not clear just what connection exists between the attitude of the Chinese empress dowager towards the reform element in China, and the "open door" policy in which the United States with the remainder of the civilized world is interested. It is recalled, however, that the empress dowager is persecuting with relentless hatred the reform party, going so far as to resort to the barbarous practice of offering a large sum of money for the assassination of leading reformers. This reform element in China is believed to include nearly all of the Chinese who are disposed to elevate China into a civilized nation, following in the footsteps of Japan. They realize that this can only be done with the help of foreigners and are therefore disposed to the "open door" as one of the measures to liberalize and enlighten China through the introduction of foreign capital and foreign methods. It is assumed that the basis of this representation from the American Association is an apprehension that the conservative party surrounding the empress dowager

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ger, in satisfying their animosity against the reformers, will excite the dormant anti-foreign feeling among the masses of Chinese to a degree that will make the "open door" impossible of attainment.

It is a curious fact that our minister to China, Mr. Conger, has so far made no representations to the state department touching this subject. He has reported to the department that serious attacks have been made upon the American missions in Shan-Tung by the "boxers," a powerful and numerous anti-foreign league of Chinese. It is this same organization which has attacked some of the French missionaries in that quarter of China and have even carried their operations to the very doors of Kiao-Chow, the German holding in north China. Upon the minister's representations, the state department has decided that an American war ship shall be despatched from the fleet at Manila to the nearest convenient port to the seat of discord, probably in this case Taku, at the mouth of the Peiho river, or Wei-Hai-Wai. It is expected, however, that the Chinese government will be able to repress the "boxers" without any action on the part of the American warship. It is distinctly understood that this little naval demonstration will have no connection with the struggle now going on between the empress dowager's party and the reformers for this may be regarded as a matter of purely internal politics with which our government has no right to concern itself. It is probable, therefore, that this decision on our part indicates the character of the response that will be made by the department of state to the cablegram from the American Association.

PATENTS, PENSIONS

And Postal Affairs—Items of Interest at the National Capital, Concerning West Virginia Inventors, Pensioners and the Public Generally.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Patents have been granted to the following West Virginia inventors:

Matthew M. Cullen, New Cumberland, boat pump; Gustav Schiffbauer, Fairmont, engraving machine for glassware, and Joseph F. Rader, assignor to Automatic Photograph Machine Co., of West Virginia, automatic photographing apparatus. Patents were also issued to Frank McCarty, Martin's Ferry, Ohio, for metal punching appliance, and Zeb McCune, West Alexander, Pa., for foot-power.

Pensions.

Pensions have been granted to the following West Virginia applicants:

Original—Carey Black, Hinton, \$8; Hyder Riley, Wheeling, \$6; Silas Stark, Brown, \$8; John Light, Hacker Valley, \$6, and Amos Thompson, Huntington, \$8.

Increase—Jacob Hull, Allensville, \$8 to \$8; William M. Smith, Sistersville, \$6 to \$8; John A. Burley, Cameron, \$6 to \$12; Irvin E. Miller, Ansted, \$6 to \$8; Joseph Depoy, Little Otter, \$6 to \$12; William H. West, Winfield, \$6 to \$8; Joseph Mathers, Burnt House, \$6 to \$8; Michael Hartman, Terra Alta, \$4 to \$4.

Reissue—Andrew Porter, Chelyan, \$6. Widow—Elizabeth L. Furr, Lettergap, \$8.

Postal Affairs.

The following postmasters have been commissioned in West Virginia:

R. E. L. McNeer, Salt Sulphur Springs; Warren C. Swearingen, Buena, Tucker county, and George W. Higgs, Tygart, Randolph county. The last two named offices have been newly established.

The following changes have been ordered in the star service in West Virginia:

Route 16,215, Festus to Worthington; from March 15, 1900, increase service to six times a week; schedule to be daily except Sunday, hours as at present.

Route 16,580, Philoah to Buffalo; hereafter supply McGill at the site heretofore authorized, decreasing the distance 1.17 miles.

The following changes have been ordered in the schedules in the star service in West Virginia:

Route 16,175, Overfield to Philippi; leave Overfield daily except Sunday at 8:45 a. m., and leave Philippi, same days, at 1 p. m.

Route 16,244, Sedalla to Salem; leave Sedalla Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 9 a. m., and leave Salem, same days, at 12 m.

Route 16,456, Union to Waltville; leave Union Monday and Friday at 7 a. m., and Waltville, same days, at 1:30 p. m.

Route 16,505, Volcano to Petroleum; leave Volcano daily except Sunday at 10 a. m. and 2:45 p. m.; leave Petroleum same days, at 12 m. and 4:45 p. m.

Route 16,524, McGee to Pruntytown; leave McGee Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 12:30 p. m., and leave Pruntytown, same days, at 3 p. m.

Route 16,559, Staton to Doddrell; leave Staton Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p. m., and leave Doddrell, same days, at 3 p. m.

Route 16,457, Schultz to Waverly; leave Schultz daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m., and leave Waverly, same days, at 1:30 p. m.

Route 16,580, Philoah to Buffalo; leave Philoah, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 a. m., and leave Buffalo, same days, at 1 p. m.

Route 16,747, Lenox to Albright; leave Lenox daily except Sunday at 11:15 a. m., and leave Albright, same days, at 2:30 p. m.

Route 16,733, Girta to Cisko; leave Girta Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 7:30 a. m.; leave Cisko, same days, at 2 p. m.

Personal.

Representative Freer has introduced in the house a bill for the relief of John Forbush, late of Company B, Ninth West Virginia Infantry.

YOUNG DIVORCE.

Wife Aged Thirteen, Husband Aged Twenty-four.

SAN JUAN DE PUERTO RICO, March 14.—San Juan claims the record for the youngest divorce suit in American territory. Rosalia March, aged thirteen, has consulted lawyers on the subject of obtaining a separation from Albert March, aged twenty-four, a

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member of the signal corps, whose home is in Benton, Mo. They were married December 12 and March was ordered February 1 to Fort Myer. He left his wife destitute and she has written to him both at Benton and Fort Myer, and her letters have not been answered. There are no divorce laws in Puerto Rico and the young wife is waiting for the United States to enact such laws. Similar cases are plentiful.

GOOD TEMPLARS

Third District Convention—Election of Officers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

STEUENVILLE, O., March 15.—The third district, I. O. G. T., has adjourned after a two days' session here. Grand Chief Templar C. E. Griffith, of Toledo, was present, and gave an address. Officers elected were as follows: Chief Templar, John Giffin, Bridgeport; vice templar, Grace Gray, Irondale; secretary, Emma Wright, Steubenville; assistant secretary, William Henry, Steubenville; marshal, Andrew Leiffer, Bellaire; deputy marshal, Ethel Shackelford, Bellaire; superintendent juvenile temple, Mary Phillips, Bridgeport; counselor, Velma Borham, Steubenville; guard, Ira Jones, Martin's Ferry; sentinel, Carl Moore, Quaker City; messenger, Anna Robertson, Steubenville; delegate to grand lodge, Martha McClure, Steubenville; alternate, Leon Jacobs, Martin's Ferry.

Prof. Worcester Resigned.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A special to the Chicago Record from Ann Arbor, Mich., says:

At the meeting of the board of regents to-day, Prof. Dean C. Worcester, of the new Philippine commission, tendered his resignation as a member of the university faculty and it was accepted.

Free State Capital Transferred.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, March 14.—State Secretary Reitz this morning posted the following announcement: "Yesterday Bloemfontein was occupied by the British after the burghers had retired in a northern direction. The seat of the government of the Free State has been already transferred to Kroonstadt."

Accident to the Flyer.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, March 15.—The Chicago-Denver flyer on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, known as "No. 1," had a slight accident at tower 210, twenty-five miles west of this city, at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The engine and front truck of the baggage car left the track. No one was injured and the train proceeded after three hours' delay.

A WHEELING MAN

Gives Some Very Decided Opinions on an Interesting Local Question.

The following public statement given by a citizen is true in every particular. Enquiry is courted—the more doubt, the more need for conclusive, convincing proof in the opinions held and the experiences passed through by scores of well-known citizens. This resident of Wheeling only re-echoes the sentiments expressed daily in this newspaper by local citizens.

Mr. Thomas Gabriel, of Erie street, an employe at the Aetna-Standard mills, says: "I contracted a cold which settled in my kidneys and caused me a great deal of trouble. In time the kidney secretions went wrong, being too frequent and often distressing. Aside from this trouble I was always strong and healthy, and feeling it would be easier to get rid of it at once, than it would be to let it go, I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the Logan Drug Company, and began the use. I felt the effect of three or four doses and I did not take half a box before all the symptoms of the trouble disappeared." Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

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Baltimore Sun: As told in The Sun yesterday, the American Snuff Company was incorporated Monday at Trenton, N. J., with an authorized capital stock of \$25,000,000. There are seven incorporators, one of whom is Mr. Ernest Schmeisser, manager of the G. W. Gail & Ax branch of the American Tobacco Company, Charles and Barre streets, this city. The new combine takes in all the branch factories of the American Tobacco Company, the Continental Tobacco Company, and the Atlantic Snuff Company, thus absorbing the leading snuff industries of the country.

The G. W. Gail & Ax branch of the American Tobacco Company has manufactured snuff since the close of the Civil war, and has been running night and day since last April.

In speaking of the snuff industry Mr. G. W. Gail, jr., said to a reporter of The Sun: "Our factory is steadily increasing the output of snuff. In 1898 it was only 797,000 pounds, while in 1899 the output was 1,773,000 pounds. We employ nearly 400 hands."

"The snuff we manufacture is of three kinds, French 'rappee,' which was formerly much used, but for which there is now only a limited demand; 'macocoboy,' which is used for chewing as well as inhaling purposes and is ground fine and highly scented. Then there is the Scotch snuff, which is as fine as flour and is used for chewing purposes. The 'rappee' costs from forty cents to seventy-three cents a pound; the 'macocoboy' costs about fifty cents a pound, as does also the 'Scotch.'

Displacing Chewing Gum.

"The chief market for snuff is in the south and southwestern parts of the United States. In the south it is used to a great extent by women, who dip twigs in it and then chew the ends and often rub them on their teeth. I am told that the chewing of snuff is rapidly taking the place of chewing gum among the factory girls in Massachusetts, who find the taste more agreeable."

"The process used in the manufacture of snuff is too complicated to fully describe. Snuff is made of the strongest kind of dark tobacco grown in Virginia and Kentucky. The tobacco is first cut in order to remove the sand, and is then put through a process called 'fermentation,' upon which much depends the peculiar flavor. The tobacco is afterward dried and ground in a mill like flour and then packed away in barrels, which are left standing five or six months, if possible. After it has become mature it is placed in small packages, tin cans, jars or even bladders, which are painted on the outside, making them resemble egg plants."

History of Snuff-Taking.

It has been stated by a recent writer that the custom of snuff taking is as old as the discovery of the tobacco plant.

"The first account," he says, "of snuff and snuffing is given by Ramon Pane, a friar accompanying Columbus on his second voyage of discovery in 1494. He alludes to its use among Indians by means of a long cane."

The Indians of Brazil are said to have been the fathers of snuff and its best fabricators. Soon after the introduction of tobacco in Spain and Portugal its use in the form of snuff came in vogue and spread rapidly in Europe. It is said to have been first used in France by the wife of Henry II, Catherine de Medici, and first used at court in the latter part of the sixteenth century. The manner of snuffing then in vogue was to place a little on the back of the hand and inhale it. Soon, however, there came into use the snuff boxes, which were made in a great variety of designs and of costly materials. The use of snuff is said to have been kept up for its alleged medicinal properties, especially for the head. Students and professors and other brainworkers claim that a pinch of snuff after deep meditation refreshes the brain and brightens the eyes.

Baltimore Snuff For the Pope.

Among the many noted men who use snuff probably the most celebrated is Pope Leo XIII. In 1895 the Pope decided to try some American snuff, and accordingly Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the American College in Rome, gave an order to Arnd Bros., snuff manufacturers, 2719 O'Donnell street, Baltimore. Mr. Henry Arnd last night in speaking of the matter, said: "Yes, I sent the pope about one hundred pounds of my snuff, which ought to last him or his successor until 1906. The snuff I sent was the most exquisite 'rappee,' with rose oil in it, and cost \$2 a pound. It was packed in glass jars, which were placed in silk-lined cases, covered with velvet."

LOOKING AFTER GARDEN SEEDS

For Agricultural Constituents is Mr. Latimer.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Representatives of the Philadelphia produce exchange were before the house agricultural committee to-day in favor of the Groat anti-oleomargarine bill. An argument was also made by representatives of private drug firms against the government's manufacture and free distribution of certain remedies against a disease of animals.

Representative Latimer, of South Carolina, was heard in advocacy of increasing the supply of seeds and farmers' bulletins. A sub-committee has already agreed to an increase in the seed allowance.

POPULAR DEMONSTRATION

On Receipt of News of Occupation of Bloemfontein.

CAPE TOWN, March 14.—A great popular demonstration took place here on receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. All the church bells were rung and a procession, headed by the union jack, went to the government house, where Sir Alfred Milner made his acknowledgements.

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